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The sixth session of the Yerevan Soviet met on 24 December 1951 to consider and confirm a 15-year plan for the growth and construction of Yerevan. Socialist Yerevan has completely changed since the days before the Bolshevik Revolution. The population has increased eight times and the 15-year plan calls for still further increases in the future. The area of the town is to expand from the present 4,850 hectares to 7,200 hectares.

The 15-year plan foresees the further industrialization of Yerevan, and the expansion of residential construction. Compared to 1940, industry is to increase seven times. The present housing resources are to be tripled with the construction of 2,795,000 square meters of living space. The public buildings which are to be constructed include the Soviet of Professional Unions of Armenia, a new hotel, a library, the Academy of Sciences, and others. (6) Reconstruction of a 2-story city station building with a 17-meter-high metal spire has begun. (7) Ploshchad' Lenina will be completed with the construction of the building for the Soviet of Professional Unions and the new hotel. (6)

The construction of 100 new school buildings (8) will enable all class-work to be conducted in one shift in the next few years. The number of day nurseries will be tripled, and kindergarten buildings for 6,000 children are also planned. In addition to these, all large apartment buildings will have their own day nurseries and play areas. The construction of hospitals, having a total of 1,920 beds, is also called for by the 15-year plan.

The network of higher educational institutions in Yerevan will be expanded with the construction of six new buildings for the state university and polytechnic institute, the institute of physical culture, and the future machine building institute. There will be 18 more tekhnikums than there are at present, and an appropriate number of buildings will be put up for them.

The number of passengers using city transport facilities is expected to increase from 50 million in 1950 to 180 million in the next 15 years. Street car, trolley bus, and bus parks are to be doubled in the same period. The amount of electricity for each resident of Yerevan will be tripled. The construction of a third section of the water network is planned and the underground network will be lengthened by 300 kilometers. The main sewer is to be completed and the sewage network lengthened by 150 kilometers.

A new park of culture and rest will spring up on the right bank of the Razdan River, while the embankments of the Razdan and the Gedar rivers, the canal imeni Stalina, and the Norskiy Canal will be improved and planted with trees and shrubs. The general area for planting greenery in Yerevan will amount to approximately 3,500 hectares, of which 576 hectares will be in parks and squares. Three belts of trees and shrubs around Yerevan will protect the city from dust and dirt.

The 15-year plan calls for the construction of 364 kilometers of new streets. The building of a new bridge over the Razdan River, which will connect the city with Beriya Rayon, will be completed in 1952. In the same year, work will begin on two street car lines, one extending the Arabkir line to Sevanskoye shosse, and another connecting ulitsa Bagranyana with the center of Beriya Rayon. In 1953, construction will begin on another line going from Privokzal'naya ploshchad' along Artashatskoye shosse, past the plant imeni Kirov, to prospekt Ordzhonikidze. (6)

The town of Kirovakan is growing constantly. The construction of a cold-storage warehouse continues; its first section is to go into operation in 1952. The building of a mechanical bakery and of residential houses for workers and employees of the Combine imeni Myasnikyana is to be completed in the near future. Public and residential buildings are being built on prospekt Stalina, the town's main street. (9)

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In 1951, more than 7 million rubles were spent for communal needs, construction, and city improvements in Leninakan. The sewage, water, and electric system were expanded. A new park of culture and rest of 50 hectares is under construction, while residential houses, schools, and other institutions are being built in different parts of town.(10)

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